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RE: Docket No. 98P-0203/CP

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you in order to request that the FDA grant the petition filed by United Poultry Concerns, Inc., under **Docket No. 98P-0203/CP**, which will ban the forced molting of "laying" hens on farms.

This practice is not only cruel, but also increases the spread of Salmonella Enteritidis infections.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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